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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (Amended) The chromatography measuring device as defined in Claim 1, wherein a measurement region at least from a marker reagent holding part in which a marker reagent is held, located upstream, to a specific protein immobilization part in which a specific protein is immobilized, located downstream, in the chromatography specimen is adherently covered with the liquid-impermeable sheet material.

6. (Amended) The chromatography measuring device as defined in Claim 1, wherein the chromatography specimen is constituted by laminating or connecting plural porous materials.